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A	. REGISTRANT IDENTIF	ICATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Ha	nkerson Financial,	Inc.	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
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Phoenix, AZ 85018			
(City)	(State)	(Zip	Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN		RT (602) 840-0880
		(A	rea Code – Telephone Number
B.	ACCOUNTANT IDENTIF	FICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNT	ANT whose opinion is contained	in this Report*	
Nor	ris & Benedict Asso	ciates, P.C.	
	(Name - if individual, state last	, first, middle name)	
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☐ Public Accountant			PROCESSED
☐ Accountant not resident	in United States or any of its pos	sessions.	APR 0 5 2002
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### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Wi	lliam A. Hankerson			, swear (	or affirm) tha	it, to the best	of my kn	owledge and
belief	the accompanying financial	statement	and	supporting	schedules	pertaining	to the	e firm of
' <u>Ha</u>	nkerson Financial, Ir	ıc.						, as of
De	cember 31	, 20	0_01	, are true an	d correct. I f	urther swear (	or affirm	) that neither
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as that	of a customer, except as follows:					-		-
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<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

## HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To The Board of Directors Hankerson Financial, Inc. Phoenix, Arizona

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Hankerson Financial, Inc. (an S Corporation) as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hankerson Financial, Inc. as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming a basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information included on pages 12-16 and the Internal Control Report are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Morria & Benedict Associates, P.C. NORRIS & BENEDICT ASSOCIATES, P.C.

January 24, 2002

# HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

### **ASSETS**

CLIDD DATE A CORDEC	2001	2000
CURRENT ASSETS  Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 16,539	\$ 26,141
Commissions Receivable	\$ 10,339 170	4,079
Due From Independent Contractors	385	823
Other Current Assets	83	519
Total Current Assets	17,177	31,562
OTHER ASSETS		
Investments	23,928	10,099
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 41,105	\$ <u>41,661</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOL	DER'S EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,402	\$ 7,821
Payroll Tax Liability	4,786	4,787
Commissions Payable to Independent Contractor	760	252
independent Contractor		
Total Current Liabilities	<u>8,948</u>	12,860
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Capital Stock		
Authorized, 100,000 Shares of Common Stock		1.7.000
No Par Value, Issued and Outstanding 15,000 Shares	15,000	15,000
Unrealized Gains	13,952	-
Retained Earnings	3,205	13,801
Total Stockholder's Equity	32,157	28,801
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND		
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$ <u>41,105</u>	\$ <u>41,661</u>

# HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

	2001	2000
REVENUES FROM COMMISSIONS EARNED	\$ 219,816	\$ 199,079
COST OF COMMISSIONS		24,867
GROSS PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS	192,587	174,212
OPERATING EXPENSES General and Administrative	51,363	51,125
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS OTHER INCOME	141,224	123,087
Interest and Dividend Income Long Term Capital Gains in Mutual Funds Income from L.L.C. Investments Total Other Income	266 51 1,221 1,538	258 10 <u>753</u> 1,021
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 142,762</u>	<u>\$ 124,108</u>

### HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

	Common Stock	Unrealized Gains	Retained Earnings	Total
BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1999	\$ 15,000	-	\$ 8,943	\$ 23,943
CASH DISTRIBUTIONS PAID	-	- -	( 119,250)	(119,249)
NET INCOME		-	124,108	124,107
BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2000	\$ 15,000	-	\$ 13,801	\$ 28,801
CASH DISTRIBUTIONS PAID		-	( 153,358)	(153,358)
UNREALIZED GAINS		13,952	·	13,952
NET INCOME			142,762	142,762
BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2001	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,952</u>	\$ 3,205	<u>\$ 32,157</u>

# HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

	2001	_2000
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ -	\$ -
A. Increases	-	-
B. Decreases		
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

# HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

	2001	_2000_
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash Collected on Commissions Cash Paid to Vendors and Employees Partnership Income Interest Received Dividends Received Capital Gain from Mutual Fund	\$ 223,719 ( 81,625) 1,221 250 16	\$ 195,838 ( 65,917) 753 241 17
Net Cash From Operating Activities	143,632	130,932
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investment in Limited Liability Companies  Net Realized Gain (Loss) on Securities	573 ( <u>449</u> )	502 10
Net Cash From Investing Activities	124	512
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Distributions to Stockholder	(153,358)	(119,250)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(9,602)	12,194
CASH, Beginning of Year	<u>26,141</u>	13,947
CASH, End of Year	\$ 16,539	\$ <u>26,141</u>

### HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

#### RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	_2001_	_2000_
Net Income	\$ 142,762	\$ 124,108
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities Realized Gain (Loss) on Securities	Ĺ	( 10)
(Increase)Decrease in Assets Affecting Operating Activities Commissions Receivable	3,903	( 3,241)
Other Current Assets Due From Independent Contractors	436 438	( 519) ( 823)
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities Affecting Operating Activities Accounts Payable Payroll Tax Liability Commissions Payable to Independent Contractors	( 4,420) ( 1) 514	7,821 4,248 ( <u>652</u> )
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 143,632</u>	<u>\$ 130,932</u>

## HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Business Activity**

The Company was incorporated December 23, 1985 in the state of Arizona for the principal purpose of acting as a registered securities broker-dealer.

The Company forwards client transactions to direct participation programs and mutual funds, which carry such accounts; therefore, no customer accounts are reflected in the financial statements.

#### **Cash Flow Information**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company did not incur nor did it pay any interest during the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

As discussed in Note 4, a significant portion of the income received by the Company is received from limited liability companies in which the Company's stockholder is a member. Additionally, the limited liability company, in which the Company has invested, has an interest in commercial rental real estate in Arizona.

The Company, in the ordinary course of business, may maintain bank balances in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Insurance Limits of \$100,000 per institution.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and related notes. Changes in such estimates may affect amounts reported in future periods.

#### **Compensated Absences**

Compensated absences have not been accrued because the amount cannot be reasonably estimated.

#### Allowance for Bad Debt

The Company provides for potentially uncollectible account receivables by use of the allowance method. The allowance is provided based upon a review of the individual accounts outstanding, and prior history of uncollectible contract receivables. At December 31, 2001 and 2000, no allowance has been provided for potentially uncollectible account receivables and, in the opinion of management, all receivables are considered fully collectible.

## HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

#### NOTE 2 - COMMISSIONS PAYABLE TO INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Company contracts for some of its security sales activities with unrelated third parties. At December 31, 2001 and 2000, commissions payable relating to this arrangement were \$760 and \$246, respectively.

#### NOTE 3 - INCOME TAX STATUS

No provision is reflected in the financial statements for federal or state income taxes because the Company, with the consent of its stockholder, has elected S Corporation status under the Internal Revenue Code. In lieu of corporation income taxes, the stockholders of an S Corporation are taxed on their proportionate share of the Company's income or loss. Management has not determined the amount of the provision for income tax that would have been required had such election not been in effect.

#### NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company's sole stockholder also is the sole stockholder of a related party entity, William Hankerson, Ltd. (LTD). LTD provides research services to the Company. The Company leases its office premises from LTD pursuant to a month-to-month lease agreement, which includes rent, secretarial services and other office expenses. Additionally, as Dealer Manager for several oil & gas drilling limited liability companies (LLC's), the Company receives commissions from Hankerson Management Company, LLC for which William Hankerson is the managing partner. The Company is paid a percentage of the distributable LLC cash allocated to the Manager for its services. The Company was also the Dealer Manager for several real estate limited liability companies. William Hankerson is one of the Managers of these companies. A summary of related party transactions follows:

		2000
Rent and related office expenses – of which \$3,000 and was in accounts payable at December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000 respectively	d \$7,500 \$ 16,500	\$ 18,000
Salary Paid to William Hankerson	25,000	25,000
Total Related Party Expenses	\$ <u>41,500</u>	\$ 43,000
Dealer Manager Fees Earned	<u>\$ 189,620</u>	\$ <u>173,195</u>
Income From Limited Liability Companies	<u>\$ 1,221</u>	\$ <u>758</u>

## HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

#### NOTE 5 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

As a registered broker/dealer, the Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital of \$5,000. At December 31, 2001, the Company's computed net capital of \$7,921 exceeded required minimum net capital by \$2,921. For 2000 the Company's computed net capital of \$13,530 exceeded the required minimum net capital by \$8,530. At December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, the Company's percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 110.35% and 95.05%, respectively.

#### NOTE 6 - SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

The Company has adopted Statement of Financial Standards No. 115 "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities." Investments classified as available for sale are reported at market value, with the unrealized gains and losses reported as a separate component of stockholder's equity. Realized gains and losses on sales of investments are included in operating results.

The Company is a member of the Van Buren/I-10 Industrial Center titled Investments on the balance sheet. The sole shareholder of the company is the controlling manager and investor of the LLC and as such, has the sole discretion to sell the LLC. He turned down an offer dated December 5, 2001 that held a value of \$23,928 to the Company. This was the Fair Market Value used at December 31, 2001.

#### NOTE 7 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company's investment in the Van Buren/I-10 Industrial Center is currently in escrow. The Company is expecting to receive approximately \$25,000 from the sale.

#### NOTE 8 - CHANGES IN PRESENTATION OF COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

The Company reclassified "Employee Advances" to "Due From Independent Contractors." This changed the character of the expenditure on the Statements of Cash Flows. As a result, for the year ended December 31, 2000, cash flows from operating activities decreased by \$823 and cash flows from investing activities increased by the same amount. Now the current asset is called "Due From Independent Contractors" instead of "Due from Employees" for this statement.

## HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

## HANKERSON FINANCIAL, INC. SCHEDULES OF COSTS AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

	2001	2000
COMMISSIONS AND FEES Commissions	\$ <u>27,229</u>	\$ <u>24,867</u>
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
SALARIES	¢ 25 000	¢ 25 000
Payroll Payroll Taxes	\$ 25,000 	\$ 25,000 
	\$ 26,975	\$ 26,975
OFFICE EXPENSE Rent, Telephone and Postage	16,500	18,000
FEES Regulatory Expense	2,157	770
PROFESSIONAL FEES Accounting Fees	5,040	5,364
INSURANCE Liability Insurance	96	16
OTHER Bank Charges	12	-
Education Penalties	150 433 595	- 
	<u>\$ 51,363</u>	\$ <u>51,125</u>

		AMOUNT PER AUDITED	AMOUNT PER UNAUDITED	
	FERENCE	FINANCIAL	X-17A-5	INCREASE
	PUTATION OF NET CAPITAL CREASE)	<u>STATEMENTS</u>	PART	IIA
1. 2.	Total Stockholder's Equity Deduct Ownership Equity	\$ 32,157	\$ 32,157	\$ -
2.	Not Allowable for Net Capital			
3.	Total Ownership Equity	32,157	32,157	-
	ADD:		I .	
4.	a.Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Gen. Creditors	-	, _	_
	b.Other (deductions) or Allowable Credits (List)	-	-	_
5.	Total Capital and Allowable Subordinated Liabilities	32,157	32,157	-
6.	Deductions and/or Changes: a. Total Non-allowable Assets	24,236	24,236	
8.	Net Capital before Haircuts on Securities Positions	7,921	7,921	-
9.	Haircuts on Securities e.Mutual Funds/Stocks		<del>-</del> _	
10.	Net Capital	\$ <u>7,921</u>	\$ <u>7,921</u>	\$ <u> </u>
	PUTATION OF BASIC NET ITAL REQUIREMENT			
11.	Minimum Net Capital Required (6.67% of Line 19)	\$ 582	\$ 582	\$ -
12.	Minimum Dollar Net Capital Requirement	5,000	5,000	Ψ
13.	Net Capital Requirement (greater of Line 11 or 12)	5,000	5,000	-
14.	Excess Net Capital (Line 10 less 13)	2,921	2,921	_
15.	Excess Net Capital at 1,000% (Line 10 less 10% of Line 19)	7,046	7,046	-
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DIFFERENCE  COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE  (DECREASE) INDEBTEDNESS	AMOUNT PER AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	AMOUNT PER UNAUDITED X-17A-5 PART	INCREASE IIA
<ul> <li>16. Total A.I. Liabilities</li> <li>19. Total Aggregate Indebtedness</li> <li>20. Percentage of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital (Line 19 divided by Line 10)</li> </ul>	\$ 8,741 \$ 8,741	\$ 8,741 \$ 8,741 110.35%	\$

NOTES: Management has elected to present only those line items that have a corresponding balance on the year-end Focus Report, Form X-17A-5 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Management has elected to net the contractor payable with the contractor receivable in the above calculations.

		AMOUNT PER AUDITED	AMOUNT PER UNAUDITED	
DIF	FERENCE	FINANCIAL	X-17A-5	INCREASE
COMI	PUTATION OF NET CAPITAL (DECREASE)	STATEMENTS	PART	IIA
1. 2.	Total Stockholder's Equity Deduct Ownership Equity	\$ 28,801	\$ 28,801	\$ -
	Not Allowable for Net Capital			
3.	Total Ownership Equity	28,801	28,801	-
	ADD:		ï	
4.	a. Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Gen. Creditors	-	-	-
£	b.Other (deductions) or Allowable Credits (List)	-	-	-
5. 6.	Total Capital and Allowable Subordinated Liabilities Deductions and/or Changes:	28,801	28,801	-
8.	a. Total Non-allowable Assets Net Capital before Haircuts	_15,271	15,271	
9.	on Securities Positions Haircuts on Securities	13,530	13,530	-
٥.	e.Mutual Funds/Stocks	<del>-</del> _		
10.	Net Capital	\$ <u>13,530</u>	\$ <u>13,530</u>	\$
	PUTATION OF BASIC NET ITAL REQUIREMENT			
	Minimum Net Capital Required (6.67% of Line 19)	\$ 857	\$ 857	\$ -
	Minimum Dollar Net Capital Requirement	5,000	5,000	-
	Net Capital Requirement (greater of Line 11 or 12)	5,000	5,000	-
	Excess Net Capital (Line 10 less 13)  Excess Net Capital et 1 000%	8,530	8,530	-
15.	Excess Net Capital at 1,000% (Line 10 less 10% of Line 19)	12,244	12,244	-

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DIFFERENCE  COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE  (DECREASE) INDEBTEDNESS	AMOUNT PER AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	AMOUNT PER UNAUDITED X-17A-5 PART	INCREASE IIA
<ul> <li>16. Total A.I. Liabilities</li> <li>19. Total Aggregate Indebtedness</li> <li>20. Percentage of Aggregate         <ul> <li>Indebtedness to Net Capital</li> <li>(Line 19 divided by Line 10)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$ 12,860 12,860 95.05%	\$ 12,860 12,860 95.05%	\$ - -

NOTES: Management has elected to present only those line items that have a corresponding balance on the year-end Focus Report, Form X-17A-5 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Management has elected to net the contractor payable with the contractor receivable in the above calculations.



To The Board of Directors Hankerson Financial, Inc. Phoenix, Arizona

We have audited the financial statements of **Hankerson Financial**, **Inc.** for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 and have issued our reports thereon dated January 24, 2002 and March 5, 2001, respectively. As part of our examination, we made a study and evaluation of the Company's system of internal accounting control (which includes the procedures for safeguarding securities) to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. The purpose of our study and evaluation, which included obtaining an understanding of the accounting system, was to determine the nature, timing, and extent of the auditing procedures necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements. Our study and evaluation was more limited than would be necessary to express an opinion on the system of internal accounting control taken as a whole.

We made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company (i) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by SEC Rule 17a-13 or (ii) in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities of Section 4(c) of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the Commission's above mentioned objectives.

The objectives of a system and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets, for which the Company has responsibility, are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. SEC Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures noted in the preceding paragraphs.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal accounting control procedure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with them may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation, made for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph, would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in the system. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the system of internal accounting control of Hankerson Financial, Inc. taken as a whole. Hankerson Financial, Inc. is affiliated with other companies in similar lines of business, all of which are controlled by a common stockholder. As discussed, in Note 4 of the Financial Statements, Hankerson Financial, Inc. and its affiliates, have engaged in significant related-party transactions. However, our study and evaluation disclosed no condition that we believe to be a material weakness.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2001 and 2000 to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management and the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and should not be used for any other purpose.

Norria & Benedict Associates, P.C.

NORRIS & BENEDICT ASSOCIATES, P.C. January 24, 2002